

What is Claimed is:

1. A tank carrier which is particularly suited for carrying a rigid compressed gas tank comprising: a unitary rigid closed loop structure having a primary section and a secondary section, wherein the primary section is adapted to be engaged by a human hand and the secondary section is adapted to engage the valve assembly of a compressed gas tank.
2. The tank carrier of claim 1 wherein the portion of the primary section opposite the secondary section is essentially linear.
3. The tank carrier of claim 1 wherein the inner edges of the secondary section approximate the primary section are flared outward.
4. The tank carrier of claim 1 wherein the inner side of the primary section opposite the secondary section incorporates a plurality of arcuate grooves which approximate the diameter of human fingers,
5. The tank carrier of claim 2 wherein the inner side of the primary section opposite the secondary section incorporates a plurality of arcuate grooves which approximate the diameter of human fingers.
6. The tank carrier of claim 3 wherein the inner side of the primary section opposite the secondary section incorporates a plurality of arcuate grooves which approximate the diameter of human fingers.
7. The tank carrier of claim 1 wherein the inner side of the secondary section is arcuate and is adapted to engage a portion, of a compressed gas tank valve, the axis of which is at right angles to the axis of the compressed gas tank.
8. The tank carrier of claim 2 wherein the inner side of the secondary section is.

9. The tank carrier of claim 3 wherein the inner side of the secondary section is arcuate and is adapted to engage a portion of a compressed gas tank valve, the axis of which is at right angles to the axis of the compressed gas tank.
10. The tank carrier of claim 4 wherein the inner side of the secondary section is arcuate and is adapted to engage a portion of a compressed gas tank valve, the axis of which is at right angles to the axis of the compressed gas tank
11. The tank carrier of claim 5 wherein the inner side of the secondary section is arcuate and is adapted to engage a portion of a compressed gas tank valve, the axis of which is at right angles to the axis of the compressed gas tank.
12. The tank carrier of claim 6 wherein the inner side of the secondary section is arcuate and is adapted to engage a portion of a compressed gas tank valve, the axis of which is at right angles to the axis of the compressed gas tank.
13. The tank carrier of claim 1 wherein said device is formed from a rigid polymeric material.
14. The tank carrier of claim 7 wherein said device is formed from a rigid polymeric material.
15. The tank carrier of claim 8 wherein said device is formed from a rigid polymeric material.
16. The tank carrier of claim 8 wherein said device is formed from a rigid polymeric material.
17. The tank carrier of claim 9 wherein said device is formed from a rigid polymeric material.

18. The tank carrier of claim 10 wherein said device is formed from a rigid polymeric material.
19. A tank carrier which is particularly suited for carrying a compressed gas tank comprising: a unitary closed loop structure having a linear primary section and a secondary section which is opposite the primary section wherein the inner side of the primary section is adapted to be engaged by a human hand and the inner side of the secondary section is arcuate and is adapted to engage the portion of a compressed gas tank valve which is at right angles to the axis of said compressed gas tank.
20. The handle device of claim 19 wherein the handle device has an I shaped cross section and is formed from a rigid polymeric material.